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10 **UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT**  
 11 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

12 In re:

13 USA COMMERCIAL MORTGAGE  
 14 COMPANY,

15 USA CAPITAL REALTY ADVISORS,  
 16 LLC,<sup>1</sup>

17 USA CAPITAL DIVERSIFIED TRUST  
 18 DEED FUND, LLC,

19 USA CAPITAL FIRST TRUST DEED  
 20 FUND, LLC,<sup>2</sup>

21 USA SECURITIES, LLC,<sup>3</sup>

Debtors.

22 **Affects:**

- All Debtors
- USA Commercial Mortgage Company
- USA Capital Realty Advisors, LLC
- USA Capital Diversified Trust Deed Fund, LLC
- USA Capital First Trust Deed Fund, LLC
- USA Securities, LLC

22 Case No. BK-S-06-10725-LBR  
 23 Case No. BK-S-06-10726-LBR<sup>1</sup>  
 24 Case No. BK-S-06-10727-LBR  
 25 Case No. BK-S-06-10728-LBR<sup>2</sup>  
 26 Case No. BK-S-06-10729-LBR<sup>3</sup>

27 **CHAPTER 11**

28 Jointly Administered Under Case No.  
 29 BK-S-06-10725 LBR

30 **FIFTEENTH OMNIBUS  
 31 OBJECTION OF USACM  
 32 LIQUIDATING TRUST TO DOUBLE  
 33 COUNTED CLAIMS; AND  
 34 CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

35 Date of Hearing: October 19, 2009  
 36 Time of Hearing: 3:00 p.m.

37 The USACM Liquidating Trust (the "USACM Trust") asserts this omnibus  
 38 objection to allowance of claims pursuant to § 502 of title 11 of the United States

39 <sup>1</sup> This bankruptcy case was closed on September 23, 2008.

40 <sup>2</sup> This bankruptcy case was closed on October 12, 2007.

41 <sup>3</sup> This bankruptcy case was closed on December 21, 2007.

1 Bankruptcy Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”) and Rule 3007 of the Federal Rules of  
 2 Bankruptcy Procedure (the “Bankruptcy Rules”).

3 In an apparent effort to cover their bases, 252 direct lenders filed proofs of claim  
 4 that list the same claim amount three times: as the unsecured claim amount, the secured or  
 5 priority claim amount, and the total claim amount. The excerpt below from section five of  
 6 Proof of Claim No. 10725-02289 is typical:

5	Total Amount of Claim at Time Case Filed:	\$ 268,660.73	268,660.73	268,660.73
		(unsecured)	(secured)	(priority)
<input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if claim includes interest or other charges in addition to the principal amount of the claim. Attach itemized statement of all interest or additional charges.				

10 Upon reviewing this proof of claim and others like it, the Claims Agent, BMC Group, Inc.  
 11 (“BMC”), listed both a secured claim and an unsecured claim on the Claims Registry.  
 12 Both the secured and unsecured claims were entered for the full amount. Thus, the claims  
 13 were effectively double counted and, consequently, we will refer to them in this Objection  
 14 as the “Double Counted Claims.”

15 In March 2007, USACM Trust objected to all secured claims, including the secured  
 16 portion of the Double Counted Claims. The Court sustained the objections and converted  
 17 the secured claims into unsecured claims. Thus, the Double Counted Claims are now  
 18 listed on the Claims Registry as a single unsecured claim for double the intended amount  
 19 of the claim. To correct the situation, the USACM Trust objects to the Double Counted  
 20 Claims and asks that the Court disallow half of each remaining unsecured Claim. This  
 21 Objection is supported by the Court’s record and the Declaration of Edward M. Burr in  
 22 Support of Omnibus Objections to Duplicate Proofs of Claim (the “Burr Decl.”) filed with  
 23 the Court today.



## 1      **I. JURISDICTION**

2      1. The Court has jurisdiction over this Objection pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1334  
3 and 157. Venue is appropriate under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409. This matter is a core  
4 proceeding under 28 U.S.C. § 502 and Bankruptcy Rule 3007. The statutory predicate for  
5 the relief requested herein are 11 U.S.C. § 502 and Bankruptcy Rule 3007.

## 6      **II. BACKGROUND**

7      2. On January 8, 2007, this Court entered its Order Confirming the "Debtors'"  
8 Third Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization" as Modified Herein [Docket No.  
9 2376] (the "Confirmation Order"). Under the Plan, the USACM Trust is the successor to  
10 USACM with respect to standing to seek allowance and disallowance of Claims. The  
11 USACM Trust exists as of the Effective Date of the Plan, which was March 12, 2007.  
12 Geoffrey L. Berman is the Trustee.

## 13     **III. APPLICABLE AUTHORITY**

14     3. Under the Bankruptcy Code, any Claim for which a proof of claim has been  
15 filed will be allowed unless a party in interest objects. If a party in interest objects to the  
16 proof of claim, the Court, after notice and hearing, shall determine the amount of the Claim  
17 and shall allow the Claim except to the extent that the Claim is "unenforceable against the  
18 debtor . . . under any . . . applicable law for a reason other than because such claim is  
19 contingent or unmatured." 11 U.S.C. § 502(b).

20     4. The USACM Trust is entitled to object to proofs of claim under 11 U.S.C.  
21 § 502(a). This objection is timely under the confirmed Plan, as the deadline for such  
22 objections has been extended to February 9, 2009, by this Court's orders.

23     5. A properly filed proof of claim is presumed valid under Bankruptcy Rule  
24 3001(f). However, once an objection to the proof of claim controverts the presumption,  
25 the creditor ultimately bears the burden of persuasion as to the validity and amount of the  
26 claim. *See Ashford v. Consolidated Pioneer Mortg. (In re Consolidated Pioneer Mortg.),*

1 178 B.R. 222, 226 (B.A.P. 9th Cir. 1995), *aff'd*, 91 F.3d 151 (9th Cir. 1996). The ultimate  
 2 burden of proof as to the validity of a proof of claim "remains at all times upon the  
 3 claimant." *Lundell v. Anchor Constr. Specialists, Inc. (In re Lundell)*, 223 F.3d 1035,  
 4 1039 (9th Cir. 2000).

5 **IV. OBJECTION TO PART OF THE DOUBLE COUNTED CLAIMS**

6 6. There are about 252 proofs of claim filed where the claimant listed the full  
 7 amount of their claim as both a secured claim and an unsecured claim.<sup>4</sup> The excerpt below  
 8 from section five of Proof of Claim No. 10725-02289 filed by Michael T. McGrath is  
 9 typical:

5 <b>Total Amount of Claim at Time Case Filed:</b>	<b>\$ 268,660.73</b>	<b>268,660.73</b>	<b>268,660.73</b>
	(unsecured)	(secured)	(priority)
<input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if claim includes interest or other charges in addition to the principal amount of the claim. Attach itemized statement of all interest or additional charges.			

10 12 7. When BMC reviewed this proof of claim, BMC listed it in the Claims  
 11 Registry as two claims: a secured claim for \$268.660.73 and an unsecured claim for  
 12 \$268,660.73. Thus, even though the claimant's apparent intent was to make a claim  
 13 totaling \$268,660.73, BMC entered claims totaling twice that amount. BMC treated all  
 14 other similar proofs of claim the same.

15 17 8. In March 2007, the Trust objected to all secured claims. The Court  
 16 ultimately entered several orders converting the secured claims into unsecured claims.  
 17 Consequently, as to the Double Counted Claims, the total amount of the remaining  
 18 unsecured claim now listed in the Claims Registry is still twice the intended amount of the  
 19 claim.

20 22 9. The backup documentation provided with the Double Counted Claims  
 21 typically includes a form called "Exhibit A", which the claimant used to establish the  
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23 25 <sup>4</sup> A couple proofs of claim filed involve claimants who listed their claim as both a priority  
 24 claim and an unsecured claim.

1 amount of his or her claim. Below is an excerpt from Exhibit A to Proof of Claim No.  
2 10725-02289:

3 **EXHIBIT A**

4 **To Proof Of Claim**

5 **A. Amount Of Claim**

6 1	<b>Total Amount Invested With USA Commercial Mortgage</b>	<u>\$305,666.67</u>
7 2	<b>Interest Due From March 1, 2006 through April 12, 2006</b>	<u>4,660.73</u>
8 3	<b>Minus total amount of previously filed A-4 claims by Debtor for Diverted Principal<sup>1</sup></b>	<u>[ 41,666.67 ]</u>
9 4	<b>TOTAL CLAIM (line 1 plus (+) line 2 minus (-) line 3):</b>	<u>\$268,660.73<sup>2</sup></u>

10 Based upon section five of the proof of claim and the Exhibit A attached to it, the claimant  
11 obviously intended to assert a single claim for \$268,660.73. The same is true for the other  
12 proofs of claim listed on Exhibit A, attached, which lists all of the Double Counted Claims.  
13 (Burr Decl. ¶ 7.) **Exhibit A** identifies the claimant, the claimant's address, what is  
14 currently listed in the claims registry as the total amount of the claim for purposes of  
15 distribution, and the actual amount of the claim that the Trust believes the claimant  
16 intended to assert. (Burr Decl. ¶ 7.)<sup>5</sup>

17 10. The Trust has previously filed objections to some of the Double Counted  
18 Claims. Where the Court has sustained those objections, the Trust and the Claims Agent  
19 have accounted for the double counting. (Burr Decl. ¶ 8.)

20 11. Accordingly, the USACM Trust objects to the allowance of the proofs of  
21 claim listed on Exhibit A to the extent those claims were incorrectly doubled when entered  
22 into the Claims Registry. If the Court grants this objection, one half of the remaining  
23 unresolved amount of the proof of claim will be disallowed.

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25 <sup>5</sup> The USACM Trust is not objecting to that portion of any of the filed claims that address  
26 diverted principal, as in the sample proof of claim Exhibit A above.

12. This objection is without prejudice to any other objection by any party in interest, including the USACM Trust.

## V. CONCLUSION

The USACM Trust respectfully requests that the Court disallow the Double Counted Claims listed in **Exhibit A** in an amount that is half of the remaining unresolved claim amount. The USACM Trust also requests such other and further relief as is just and proper.

Dated: September 18, 2009.

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1 Copy of the foregoing and the pertinent  
2 portion of Exhibit A mailed by First  
3 Class postage prepaid U.S. mail on  
4 September 18, 2009 to:

5 All parties in interest listed on  
6 Exhibit A attached

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